

THE MULTNOMAH ANNOUNCER

Official Newsletter of Multnomah Presbyterian Church

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SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Do you enjoy socializing after the service with coffee and treats? We need your help to keep it going!

We greatly appreciate everyone who has volunteered so far this year, and this summer we're going to try something new. We are going to still offer Coffee but ONLY pre-packaged cookies, chips, treats, etc. This means volunteers would be in charge of making coffee, putting pre-packaged treats in bowls, and afterward washing just the coffee makers, wiping down the tables, and sweeping. Instructions will be provided!

We hope this simplified setup will not only encourage more volunteers to participate, but also allow for those with dietary restrictions more transparency in our offerings.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the welcome desk! Contact Robyn Biehler (bthkfl46@gmail.com) with any questions.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE REVIEW

July 2nd

Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-9
1 John 2:15-17

July 16th

Proverbs 5:15-23
Ephesians 5:21-33

July 9th

Exodus 33:7-11
1 John 1:1-7

July 23rd

Psalms 139:1-6, 23-24
Matthew 6:5-8

July 30th

Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sundays at MPC

Worship with us at 10:30am
in-person or via our Youtube Channel

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, July 2nd

Communion

"My Heart - Christ's Home:
The Dining Room"

Sunday, July 9th

"My Heart - Christ's Home:
The Living Room"

Sunday, July 16th

"My Heart - Christ's Home:
The Bedroom"

Sunday, July 23rd

"My Heart - Christ's Home:
The Hall Closet &
Transferring the Title"

Sunday, July 30th



Upcoming Events

HOMEpdx Lunch Service
Sunday, July 2

Independence Day
(Church Office Closed)
Tuesday, July 4

Vacation Bible School
July 17 - 21

Food Cart Lunch
Sunday, July 23

HOMEpdx Lunch Service
Sunday, August 6

Howard's Heart Collecting
Backpacks & Planners
Sunday, August 13

Church Picnic/Fall Fiesta
Sunday, September 10

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN

Join us at BG Food Cartel for fun, food, and sunshine after worship on Sunday, **July 23rd**. We will meet at the Food Cart Pod in Beaverton around 12:15pm. There are plenty of options for all dietary needs. If you need to carpool please meet at the Welcome Desk by 11:45am. For more info, email Robyn at bthkfl46@gmail.com

Also, please save the date of Sunday, **September 10th**, when we'll be having our "Fall Fiesta Picnic" after church. More info will be available as we approach the date.

In related news, your Outreach Team would love to have you join us. Help brainstorm, plan, and organize more fun events like these for our church and surrounding community. We meet the third Tuesday of the month 2-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more info, please email Robyn at bthkfl46@gmail.com

THE BIBLE PROJECT CLASSES

If you are looking for a Bible Class, the Bible Project is now offering online classes. You can go to their website www.bibleproject.com and look under the classroom tab. We have used their videos for Bible Studies and youth groups, so we are excited to see this Portland based company come out with more educational opportunities.

FRIDAY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Friday Men's Fellowship will have our last meeting for the summer at 8am, **July 7th** at the Six Corners Café (7000 SW Bvtn-Hillsdale Hwy) for breakfast and general fellowship. We will reconvene again in the fall. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please feel free to contact Dennis Zerba (dennis_zerba@msn.com).



MISSIONS

HOMEpdx LUNCH ON THE WATERFRONT Sundays, July 2nd & August 6th

We have two more lunches scheduled, which we will prepare and serve with HOMEpdx at the Eastside waterfront. We hope you can join us for any part of this effort:

- Shop for supplies the week prior
- Prep food at church the Saturday prior, 11am – 12:30pm
- Transport and serving at the waterfront Sunday, 12:15pm – 2:00pm

Contact Jenifer Aberle (jdaberle@yahoo.com) or Lisa Shelley (xashesxashes@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.



HOWARD'S HEART SUPPLY DRIVE

We'll be collecting backpacks and day planners for teens in foster care from now thru **August 13th**, so keep your eye out for good deals on these through the summer.

THANK YOU FROM HANK & PRISCILLA DOWNING

We want to thank everyone for helping us to celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary at Church on the 11th of June!! So many warm greetings and lovely cards and messages. Our kids went overboard!! Bless them!!





BUILDING & GROUNDS

PARKING BARRIER & DEAD TREE REMOVAL



In June, an energetic crew of volunteers consisting of Clay Morgan, Rick Aberle, Gene Roberts, Dick Eyberg, John Green, and Dennis Zerba got together to address a long-standing problem we've had with unauthorized RV parking on church property along 45th.



In late May, with assistance from the Portland Police Bureau (Jason Graf, John Graf's son), we were able to get an RV that had been on the property for multiple weeks to move. Jason suggested, to prevent further problems with vehicles on our property, that we put some sort of barrier just inside our property line along 45th. Any vehicles that tried to park in the area between the barriers and 45th would then be in the road right-of-way and would then become the responsibility of the City to get them to move. This matter was discussed with the Portland Bureau of Transportation, who approved as long as the barriers were on church property. We decided to move some old power poles that were further back on our property out to the property line as a no-cost solution to this problem. That is where the team came in to move the poles.



After completing the relocation of the poles, the group then went to the lower parking lot area near the Open Door and removed several dead cedar trees.



YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP TIMES

Middle School & High School

Wednesdays 7-9pm

During the summer we combine our middle and high school groups into one youth group that meets together Wednesday evenings. We will be on this schedule throughout the summer.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

VBS is **July 17-21**. We are in need of volunteers to be there on those days from 8:30am-12:30pm to help guide kids, prep snacks, and lead craft creation and story telling. If you are interested, please see Heather.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

F&A Committee met on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 to review the financial reports summarizing the completed five months of our budget year. May was a good month with a surplus of \$ 8,600 after expenses. With five months of information regarding current giving and spending available to us, we are running at a break even or slightly positive budget. Year to date we are \$11,000 in the black. Great news but there is still need for caution given that we have recently received notice from a few members who are leaving, and we are planning to recruit a new pastor. F&A will be meeting with the Personnel Chair to discuss options for recruitment before the next session meeting.



On behalf of Session and your F&A Committee, I want to thank you all for the support you have given MPC thus far this year. Please do what you can to contribute to our mission in the coming months. We will surely need your time, talents and some of your treasure to continue God's work in our community.

- Roy Magnusson, F&A Chair



10 THINGS ABOUT CHURCH THAT ARE NOT CHANGING

BY: BARRY HOWARD

The church is undergoing a huge paradigm shift.

While methodologies and strategies have been changing since the followers of Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch, Phyllis Tickle and others have pointed out that approximately every 500 years, the church undergoes a paradigm shift, such as the monumental season of change we have been experiencing for the past 20-30 years. And now, to make things a bit more complicated, it seems that the global health pandemic has put that paradigm shift in overdrive.

While we are accustomed to constant changes in our culture, such as the switch from rotary vinyl records to CDs to digital, or the transformation from rotary phones to cordless phones to smartphones, we tend to struggle a little more with changes in the church.

In his book *Lasting Impact*, Carey Nieuwhof suggests: "If the change inside the church isn't equal to or greater than the change outside our walls, greater irrelevance is inevitable."

A few months ago, following a sermon where I mentioned positive ways to navigate these changes, a faithful worshipper asked, "What are the things that are not changing?"

Since much has been written about the things that are changing, including service times, worship order, architecture, staff assignments and space utilization, to help us navigate the numerous changes in church life, I think it is important to highlight a few things that are not subject to change:

- 1. The power of the gospel.** Although the methods of communicating the gospel must be continually upgraded, the heart of the good news will not change. Because the good news is life-shaping, it is imperative for the church to keep the good news good.
- 2. The centrality of Jesus.** A church is not an institution but a community of Jesus followers, and Jesus must continue to be our model and mentor for ministry.
- 3. The value of gathering for worship.** Whether meeting in-person or online, faith is nurtured and nourished when believers gather for corporate worship and collaborative learning. Times and locations for gatherings may be more flexible, but it is still important for Jesus followers not to "forsake the assembling of yourselves together."
- 4. The benefit of the spiritual disciplines.** The regular practice of prayer, Bible study, worship, thanksgiving, and other disciplines will continue to be vital to spiritual growth.
- 5. The significance of our offering.** Giving generously of our time, talent, and treasure will continue to be the fuel that energizes ministry.
- 6. The importance of spiritual gifts.** Churches will continue to need members to exercise their spiritual gifts. Gifts of leadership/administration, preaching/teaching, service, and encouragement are needed more than ever.



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7. The practice of hospitality. Whether welcoming a guest to a worship service or rendering aid to a person in distress, hospitality will continue to be a primary expression of God’s love and grace.

8. Local and global missional initiatives. Churches will continue to share God’s love in nearby and faraway places, inspired by the Acts 1:8 description of reaching into “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth.”

9. Loving your neighbor. On multiple occasions, Jesus encouraged his followers to “love your neighbor.” Building positive relationships with our neighbors will continue to be a primary expression of our faith.

10. The leadership of the Spirit. In John 16, Jesus told his disciples that the spirit would be their comforter, teacher, and helper. Years later, we can be confident that the spirit will teach us the ways to minister in a changing world and will help us discern the upgrades we need to make for our churches to be more healthy and more effective.

I am convinced that we are at the front end of a multitude of changes in the way we do church. Like advanced weather forecasts, there are many predictions envisioning what church may look like five, 10 or 15 years from now. Yet, I don’t think anyone knows for sure what any specific community of faith will look like in the future.

The only thing of which I am fairly certain of is that the church of tomorrow will not look much like the church of yesterday.

And as Bill Wilson, founder of the [Center for Healthy Churches](#), reminds us: “This is a pivotal moment for the church in America. It is a challenging time but also an exciting time. We are not just stewards of this space. We are stewards of this moment.”

MPC SUNDAY SERVICE SERMON PLANNER

Week	July	August	September	October	November	December
1	Stebe	Ackerman	Ackerman	Zomermaand	Ackerman	Hellman
2	Stebe	Ackerman	Zomermaand	Zomermaand	Ackerman	Ackerman
3	Stebe	Ackerman	Zomermaand	Zomermaand	Ackerman	Ackerman
4	Stebe	Ackerman	Hellman	Hellman	Ackerman	Hellman
5	Hellman			Ackerman		



July Birthdays

10 Judah Haynes

11 Denise Gannett
Doug Gannett

12 Janet Jones
Stuart Jones

13 Russel Haynes

15 Libby Agosti

16 Mikel Donner
Randy McCourt

17 Micah Haynes

19 Silas Haynes
Emily Nackley

21 Claudia Zerba

26 Maddy Tomastik
Spencer Magnusson

28 Judi Graeper

29 Kathleen Loomis

DEACON NEWS FOR YOU

Change. People often dread it, but later appreciate the opportunities it provided. Our church continues to be in change. There are unknowns. There may be criticism. There may be pain and misunderstandings.

What can we do?

- Continue praying for the Pastor Nominating Committee, that they are led by the Lord in finding our next pastor.
- Continue praying for our leaders – Heather & Ray, the Elders and Deacons, that they faithfully lead our congregation through this difficult time.
- Continue our tithes and offerings, that they may sustain our staff, our Mission programs, and our many ministries at MPC.
- Continue sharing the love of Jesus to others, even to those we may not understand.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32



We continue to collect paper goods and non-perishable, non-expired food for Neighborhood House all summer. Just place your donations in the Fellowship Hall collection bin.





MUSIC

In June, our music director Ray McKean participated in a chamber music recital in our sanctuary. Shelley Mathewson, violist, presented an evening of beautiful music, highlighted by Vaughan Williams' Piano Quintet in C Minor. Many thanks to all of the musicians who performed and especially to Shelley for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful experience!



PRAYER

You're invited to call or email the church with any prayer requests (joys, concerns, and updates) you have, and they will be forwarded on to the Prayer Team who is continuing to meet via Zoom each Tuesday evening.

MINISTERING TO EACH OTHER

Our church family includes several "homebound" individuals – those who now have temporary or permanent limitations reducing their involvement in the church. When our homebound congregants are unable to come to church, we can take the church to them through prayers, visits, rides to church, and letters. Please inform the deacons as you become aware of someone who is homebound.

Blessings From Within Our Church

The Alaska Mission Team arrived safely in Ketchikan, as did their luggage, and were welcomed by two bears, a beaver, and some bunnies. Early pictures show the team already had an exciting fjord and glacier excursion and are ready for a week of Vacation Bible School.

Allen Pinero returned home from the hospital without needing surgery. Alleluia!

If you would like to share your blessings, please send them to Janet Lowrey, Dave Tomastik, or your own Deacon.



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
LOVED BY CHRIST, WE LOVE. SERVED BY CHRIST, WE SERVE.
INVITED BY CHRIST, WE GO, INVITING OTHERS TO HIM.

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